

Records of the nudibranch *Hypselodoris maridadilus* Rudman, 1977, from the
Gulf of Aqaba

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In a popular guide to the coral world of Elat, a beautiful nudibranch, identified as *Glossodoris* spec., was figured by Fridman & Levy (1977: fig. 113). The same colour photograph was used by Barash & Zenziper (1979) as an illustration to the entry 'Mollusca' in the Encyclopaedia Hebraica.

A study of the literature revealed that the species in question had been described recently by Rudman (1977) as *Hypselodoris maridadilus*. His material came from Kenya and Tanzania. However, he also mentioned additional locality records from the literature: Zanzibar, Japan and probably Natal. Most recently Bertsch & Johnson (1979) reported finding a single specimen in Hawaii.

According to Darom (personal communication), the photographer of the above mentioned '*Glossodoris*', this was found by him on the coral reef off Elat. Additional specimens were also observed by him near Marsa el Et, Na'ama, Sinai, some 200 km south of Elat. Both localities are situated in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Hypselodoris maridadilus Rudman, 1977, is now known from the Western Indian Ocean and two widely separated areas in the Pacific Ocean. From this general picture of its distribution it is clear that we may expect additional records from other areas in the Indo-Pacific.

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SAMENVATTING

De zeenaaktslak *Hypselodoris maridadilus* Rudman, 1977, is hier voor het eerst vermeld van twee vindplaatsen in de Golf van Akaba. Deze soort is nu bekend van het westelijk gedeelte van de Indische Oceaan (Rode Zee, Kenia, Tanzania plus Zanzibar en ? Natal) en twee ver uiteen liggende vindplaatsen in de Stille Oceaan (Japan en Hawaii).